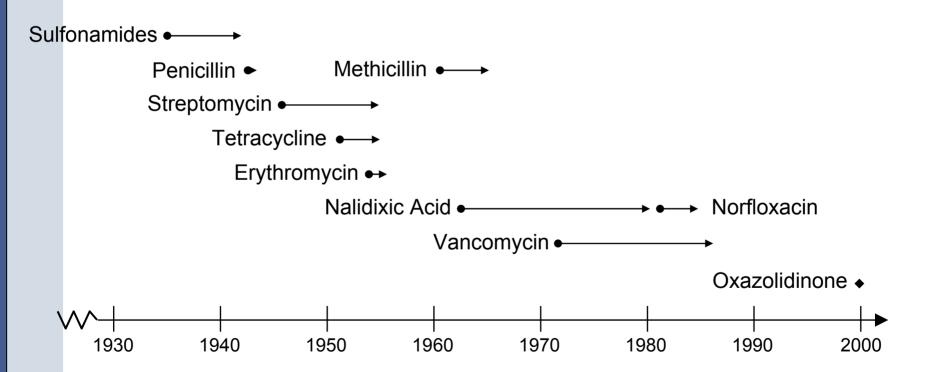


# Making Novel Antibacterials: New Targets or New Structures?

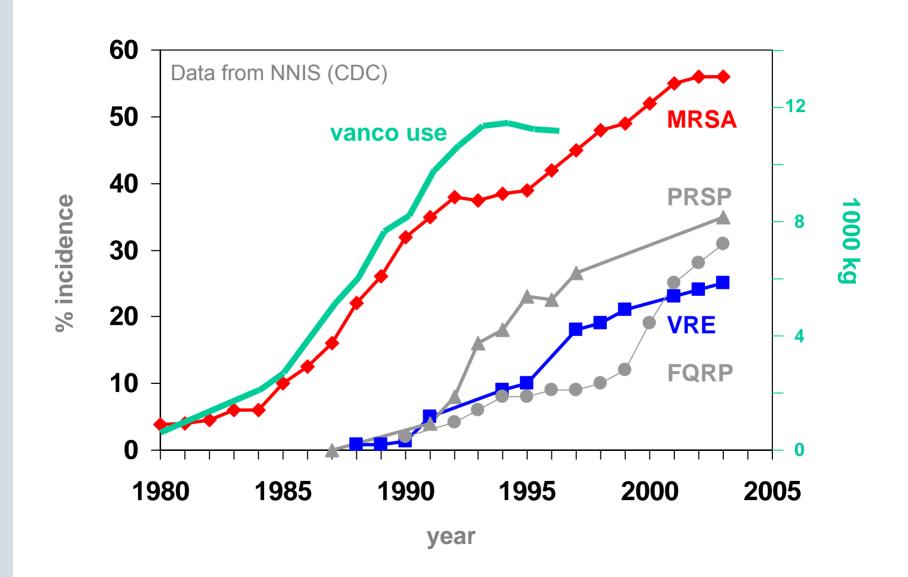
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### Clinical Resistance Develops Quickly



# Resistant Strains Spread Rapidly



### Top 10 Pharmaceutical Gaps (WHO)

- 1. Infections from Resistant Bacteria
- 2. Pandemic Influenza
- 3. Cardiovascular Disease
- 4. Diabetes
- 5. Cancer
- 6. Acute Stroke
- 7. HIV/AIDS
- 8. Tuberculosis
- 9. Neglected Diseases
- 10. Malaria

### Dearth of *Novel* Antibacterials in Trials

PTK-0796 tetracycline
PNU-288034 oxazolidinone
RBx7644 oxazolidinone
RWJ442831 cephalosporin
WCK771 quinolone
SB565154 pleuromutilin
SB742510 pleuromutilin

Cethromycin ketolide
BAL5788 cephalosporin
Garenoxacin quinolone
Sitafloxacin quinolone
Telavancin glycopeptide
Oritavancin glycopeptide
Faropenem carbapenem
Iclaprim DHFR inhibitor

Phase I

Phase 2

Phase 3

File and Launch

**CS-023** carbapenem **Tebipenem** carbapenem

**Dalbavancin** *glycopeptide* **Doripenem** *carbapenem* 

Established Class Novel Class

### How to Find a Novel Agent?

- ► New molecular targets
  - found by comparative genomics
- ► Old molecular targets, but new structures
  - A Good Target Is Better than a New Target.
- ► Cell-based screening for novel structures

SB focused on the genomics approach.

# Lack of Targets Is NOT the Problem!

Functional Area	# tested	# essential*
Cell wall & cell division	23	18
Glycolytic & amino acid pathways	33	18
Nucleotide metabolism	18	7
Lipid & CoA	22	17
Replication & nucleotide mod.	48	23
Protein secretion/modification	18	11
Translation/transcription	16	12
Unknown function	137	36
Two component signal trans.	13	6
Other	34	14
TOTALS	362	162

<sup>\*</sup>In vivo or in vitro essential

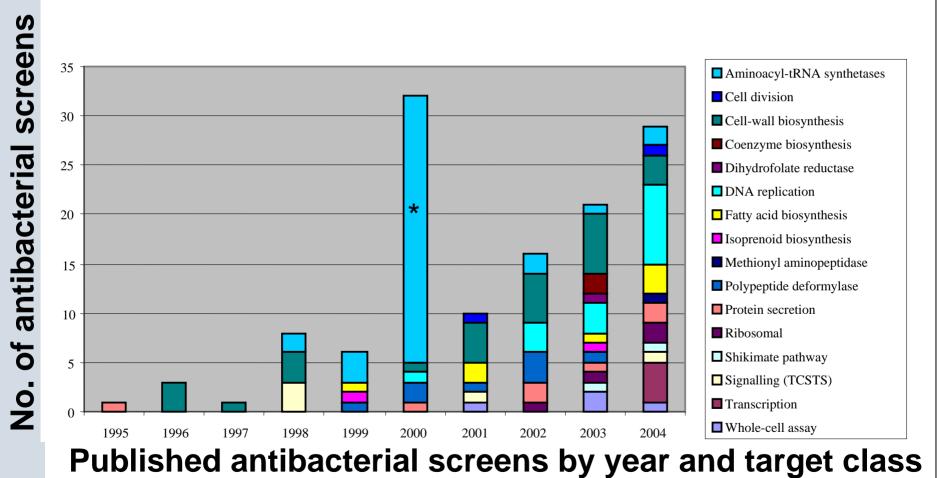
### Antibacterial Leads Are Difficult to Find

Total targets/screens	92
Progressed to decision*	77
Terminated pre HTS	7
Completed HTS	70
Screens with tractable HITs	18 (26% of HTS)
# where HITs progressed to LEADS**	5 (7% of HTS)

<sup>\*\*</sup>antibact activity & MOA; \*progression/termination

# Finding Antibacterial Leads Is Much Less Likely than for Other Therapeutic Areas

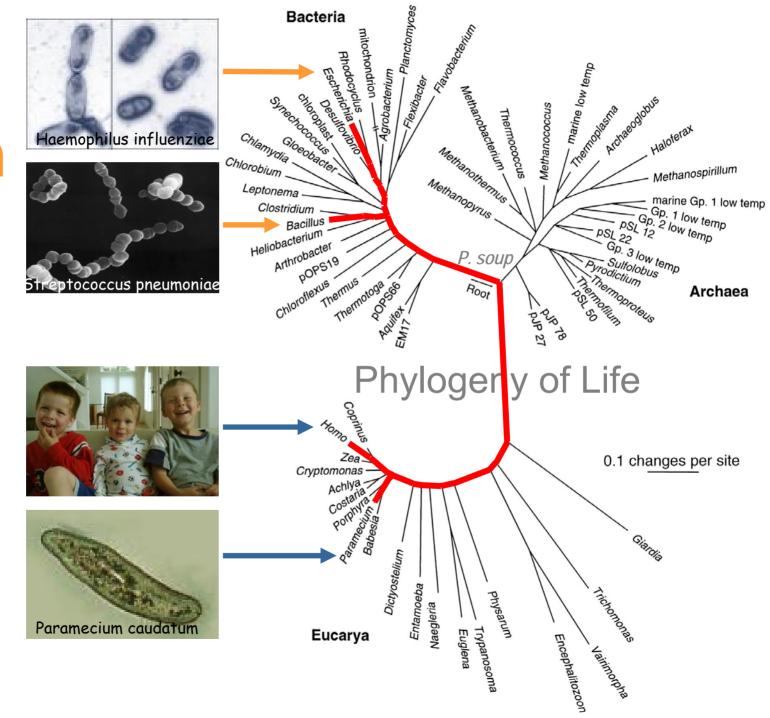
# >100 HTSs on 60 Different Novel Targets!



### "New" Targets Need Thorough Validation

- ▶ MetRS
  - two different forms in Spn
- ► MurA
  - two copies, both need to be inhibited
- ► Fabl
  - not present in Spn (FabK)

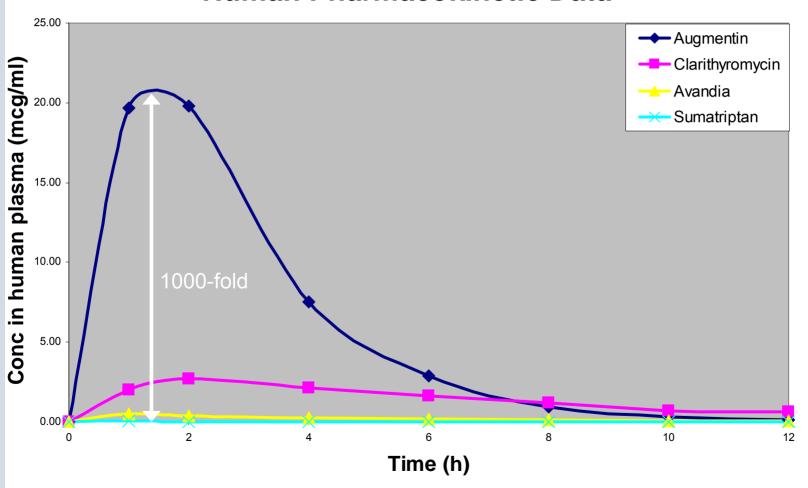
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### High [antibiotic] Required for Efficacy

#### **Human Pharmacokinetic Data**



### R&D Resource Allocated by eNPV

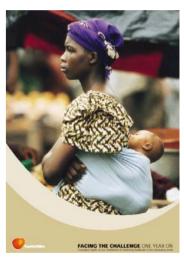
$$eNPV = \sum_{1}^{x} \left\{ \sum_{0}^{n} \frac{I_{n}}{(1+r)^{n}} \right\}$$

- ▶ Value
  - Patient need
  - Financial value
- ▶ Developability (Probability of Success)
  - Scientific, medical, technical
  - Regulatory

**Antibacterials Do Not Compete Well.** 

### Infectious Disease Is Different

- ► Future ID medicines addressing medical need represent modest commercial opportunities
- ▶ We have responsibilities to our patients
  - Epidemics and bioterrorism
  - Diseases of the Developing World
    - TB and malaria discovery (Tres Cantos)
      - Global Alliance for TB Drug Development
      - Medicines for Malaria Venture



► Success against ID fuels a positive public perception

It's the Right Thing to Do.

### Antibacterial Discovery: A New Strategy

- ▶ Organize R&D differently: CEDDs
- ► Focus only on community antibiotics
- Resource small number of clinically validated targets in a big way
  - Admit we cannot do everything
- ► Partner for sustainability
  - Little internal resource

### GSK R&D Is "Big" and "Small"

Research

Development

Commercialisation

**Genetics Research** 

**Discovery Research**  **Biopharmaceuticals** 

**CV & Urogenital** 

Metabolic & Viral Diseases

Microbial, Musc. & Prolif. Dis.

Neurology & Gastro-intestinal

**Psychiatry** 

Respiratory & Inflammation

Preclinical Development

Worldwide Development

targets

leads

drugs with PoC

safe & developable drugs

### Antibacterial Research at GSK

Collegeville, PA, USA



Tres Cantos, Spain



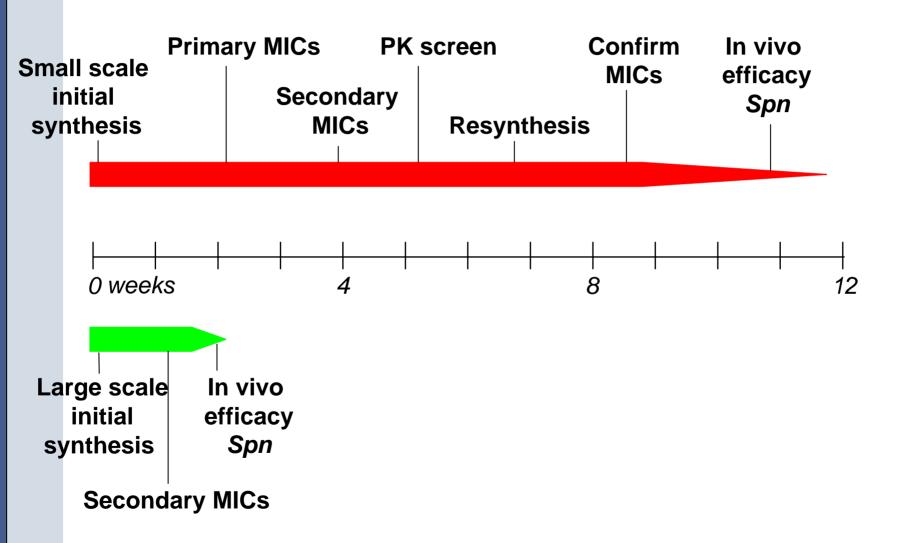
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## A Good Target Is Better than a New Target

- Need to cover atypicals eliminates some targets
  - cell wall, fatty acid biosynthesis, for example
- ▶ Triage leads on basis of developability
  - best leads inhibit protein or DNA synthesis
    - Don't underestimate evolution!
- ▶ Throw the kitchen sink at it!
  - Big med chem teams can overcome obstacles
  - Microbiology focused entirely on progressing leads

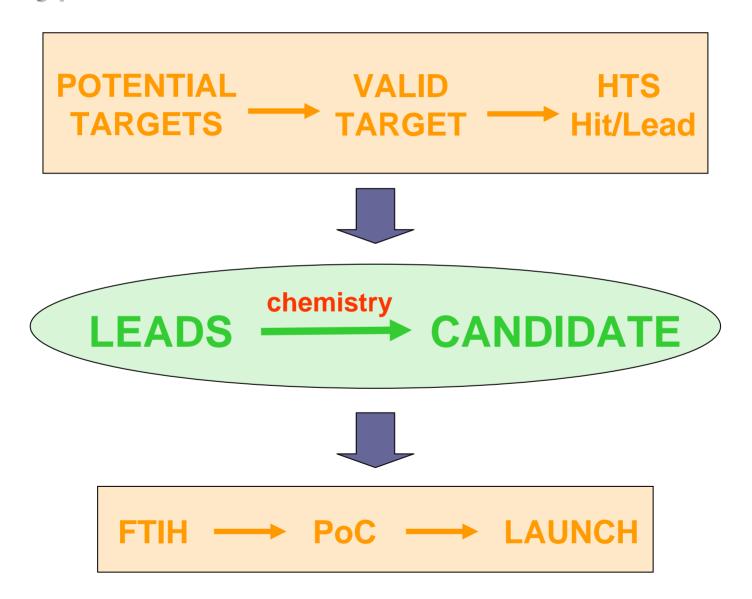
### Test in Animals as Soon as Possible



### Partnerships to Maintain Early Pipeline

- Groundwork laid (reagents, assays, hits, etc) for many additional targets
  - No internal resource to pursue
- GSK HTS screening technology and collection transformed
  - Re-screen antibacterial targets?
    - Many targets screened >5 years ago
- ▶ Partner with small/medium pharma to prosecute lead optimization on HTS hits

### Typical Alliance Structure



### **Elements of Success**

- ► Focus efforts on a single product profile
- ► Large med chem efforts on few targets
- ▶ Biology support now aimed only at advancing drug candidates
  - better validation, faster compound evaluations
- ► Corporate will (and resources) to succeed

Building the Right Molecule Is the Hard Part.